



USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service-Utah  
Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building  
125 S. State Street – Room 4010  
Salt Lake City, UT 84138-1100

September 24, 2012

Dear Interested Parties:

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), in cooperation with Logan City and Cache County as project sponsors, is proposing to address future flood risk issues on the Blacksmith Fork River in southern Logan, Utah. The proposed project is located in the vicinity of Main Street (US-89/91)/1700 South. **You are invited to attend a public meeting** where a wide range of conceptual alternatives addressing flood issues to the Country Manor subdivision and Riverside RV Park will be presented and discussed.



**When:** Wednesday, October 10, 2012

**Time:** Formal Presentation: 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Informal Open House: 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Where:** Logan City Hall (290 N. 100 W.)

More project specific information is available by contacting Andy Neff (The Langdon Group) with the project team by phone at 435-770-4114 or email at [ccewp@langdongroupinc.com](mailto:ccewp@langdongroupinc.com).



## Environmental Assessment Introduction

The NRCS is proposing to partially fund, through the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program, a project to address and reduce impacts from flooding in the Blacksmith Fork River to the adjacent community. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and actions. The project will require an environmental analysis and the environmental impacts will be documented in the form of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project.

## Project Purpose and Need

In accordance with the rehabilitation provisions of the NRCS's EWP program, the area is eligible for rehabilitation funding due to recent flood damage in 2011. The purpose of the project is to accommodate flood flow volumes and reduce debris in the Blacksmith Fork River during flood events to lessen the potential for property and/or structure damage adjacent to the river both upstream and downstream. Up to approximately 16 residences in the Country Manor subdivision adjacent to the north side of the river and the Riverside RV Park on the south side of the river would potentially be affected by conceptual alternatives.



## Public Participation

The participation of the public is a vital component of the project so that those who are interested in or potentially affected by the proposed project have an opportunity to share their comments, ideas, and concerns regarding actions during the initial scoping stage of the NEPA process. You are encouraged to attend the public meeting and express your comments, ideas, and concerns. You may also submit your comments via letter, email or fax anytime during the public comment period. For comments to be considered and to become part of the public record for the projects, **we need to receive them by close-of-business on October 26, 2012.**

Please mail your written comments to:

Cache County Emergency Watershed Project  
c/o The Langdon Group  
466 North 900 West  
Kaysville, UT 84037

You may also submit comments by email, phone or fax to The Langdon Group:

**Email:** [ccewp@langdongroupinc.com](mailto:ccewp@langdongroupinc.com)

**Phone:** 435-770-4114

**Fax:** 801-547-0397

**After receiving comments by close-of-business on October 26, 2012** the NRCS will begin reviewing them along with conceptual alternatives for analysis in the EA. Preliminary resource concerns identified during this initial project scoping process will also be addressed in the EA.

The project team values your feedback and encourages you to attend the open house on October 10.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BS", is placed above the printed name of the signatory.

Bronson Smart  
NRCS State Engineer

cc: Dan Turner – NRCS  
Lance Houser – Logan City  
Josh Runhaar – Cache County  
Greg Allington – McMillen, LLC